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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

The documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A have come to the attention of Applicant and are submitted to the Office under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3) and § 1.98(d). Enclosed is a copy of an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-A820 as filed in the prior application, U.S. Serial No. 09/779,078 now U.S. Patent No. 6,596,022. The references listed were previously submitted or were cited in prior

application Serial No. 09/779,078. It is believed that these references will be helpful during examination of the application.

This application is a division of U.S. Serial No. 09/779,078 filed February 8, 2001 now U.S. Patent No. 6,596,022. A copy of the documents listed on the Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant Form PTO/SB/08A can be found in U.S. Serial No. 09/779,078 now U.S. Patent No. 6,596,022, which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 09/561,098 filed April 28, 2000 now U.S. Patent No. 6,309,412, which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 09/135,222 filed August 17, 1998 now U.S. Patent No. 6,056,776, a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/055,582 filed April 6, 1998 now U.S. Patent No. 6,066,168, which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 08/783,097 filed January 14, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,735,893, which is a division of 08/556,516 filed November 13, 1995 now U.S. Patent No. 5,603,721, which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 08/281,790, filed July 28, 1994 now U.S. Patent No. 5,514,154, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/164,986 filed December 9, 1993, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Serial No. 07/783,558, filed October 28, 1991, now abandoned. All of the foregoing applications are incorporated herein by reference. Priority is claimed to each and every application in the chain.

Applicants believe that this Information Disclosure Statement has been mailed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3) and therefore, no fee is due. However, if a fee is in fact due the

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